Mr. K. M. Ibrahim :— Before recording this petition were the provisions of the Criminal Procedure Code regarding police investigation regarding such matters kept up?

Rama Varmha Tampuran :— Yes, certainly.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim :— Was it a cognizable offence or a non-cognizable one?

Rama Varmha Tampuran :— These are miscellaneous petitions. There being no specific allegation, I do not think they would come under cognizable offences.

39. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim :— Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Police has not received petitions from Messrs. Valathra Pappu Kochu Chakkan and Kunjandi and Raman or any of them making some serious allegations against their land-lord Ayyaril Karikkulath Mr. Ali Kunji of Azhicode (vide records of the last 6 years, particularly Thulam 1104 and 1105)?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon :— The petitions received in 1104 and 1105 have been destroyed.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim :— Can the register wherein these petitions and complaints are entered be placed on the table?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon :— That is quite a separate question and I want notice.

40. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim :— Will the Government kindly place on the table in print a copy or copies of the petition or petitions mentioned in the above question?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon :— The question does not arise in view of the reply to Question No. 39.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim :— May I know what the allegations were as can be found out from the register?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon :— All these petitions have been on the same subject.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim :— But these are different people.

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon :— Yes, but the allegations are all the same, that they all fear trouble at the hands of certain others.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph :— On a point of order, Sir. I refer to Rules 5 and 8. "Subject to the conditions and restrictions in the following rules any Member may ask any question on matters of public concern."

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"It shall not contain arguments, inferences, ironical expressions or defamatory statements, nor shall it refer to the conduct or character of persons except in their official or public capacity."

What is thepublic capacity of Ali Kunji here ? It is all his private capacity so that these quesfions are not really questions that can be put under Rule 8. It is all his private conduct and character that is brought into the arena of this Council. UnderRule 8 (c) it is only something done in an official capacity that can be questioned.

Mr. George Chakyamuri :— Sir, I oppose that point of order.

President :— I don't accept the point of order.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim :— Are not the Government aware of the supreme importance of the questions under such important topics which will clearly bring about or disclose to the public at large number of instances of labour repression in our rural parts for which proper justice has not been realised ?

President :— What is the question ?

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:— Have the Government realised the public importance of similar questions ?

President :—To the extent they have realised they have answered.

41. Mr. Ibrahim:— Will the Government be pleased to state how the petitions of Messrs. Kochu Chakkan, Kunjandi and Raman or any of them against Mr. Ali Kunji were disposed of ?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon :— Vide reply to Question No. 39.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim :— Am I to take it that all these persons complained that they were afraid of some harm ? Did not any of these petitions contain specific hurt or specific assault ? Did all these one dozen petitions contain only instances of their being afraid of this particular repressor ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran :— None of these petitions under reference contained anything but a vague fear that they apprehended danger from the person.

42. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim :— Will the Government kindly say whether Messrs. Kochu Chakkan, Kunjandi and Raman are now residing in Mr. Ali Kunji's land with exact dates and reasons for their having left their homes in the latter's land ?

Mr. Nilakanta Menon:— No. The exact dates of and the reasons for leaving are not known.

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